

means for executing the task method associated with the instance of the action component based on the point in time specified in the date property of the instance of the action date component to which the instance of the action component is associated; and

wherein the association of a component with another component includes making the component aware of the other component such that the component can access certain of the properties, methods or events associated with the other component.

3. (Amended Once) The system of Claim 2, wherein the instance of the action date component is a parent action date component and another instance of the action date component is a child action date component, the system further comprising:

means for associating the child action date component with the parent action date component; and

means for setting the point in time specified in the date property of the child action date component by offsetting from the point in time specified in the date property of the parent action date component by an offset value associated with the child action date component.

4. (Amended Once) The system of Claim 2, wherein the object model components include an action list component, the system further comprising:

means for associating an instance of the action list component with at least one of the instances of the action date component;

means for associating each instance of the action component with at least one instance of the action list component, thereby associating each instance of the action component with the instance of the action date component with which the instance of the action list is associated; and

means for executing the task method associated with the instance of the action component based on the point in time specified in the date property of the instance of the action date with which the instance of the action list component is associated.

8. (Amended Once) A method for programming automated task lists to be performed by a computer system, comprising:

- providing an object model, including an action date object and an action object;
  - the action date object having a date property that specifies a point in time;
  - the action object having an associated task method;

- associating an instance of the action object with an instance of the action date object, wherein the association of a component with another component includes making the component aware of the other component such that the component can access certain of the properties, methods or events associated with the other component;

- configuring the action object to perform a specific task method; and

- storing associated instances of the object model objects as an automated task list.

17. (Amended Once) A method for performing an automated task list with a computer, comprising:

- providing an automated task list, including:

- a parent action date component having an associated parent date property;

- a child action date component having an associated child date property;

- the child action date component associated with the parent action date component;

- an action component associated with an action date component in the bolt, the action component performing a pre-configured task method when executed;

- setting the date property of action date components in the bolt by iterating the bolt from parent action date component to child action date component and adding an offset value associated with the child action date to the value of the date property associated with the parent action date, wherein the offset value is either a positive or negative unit of time;